

Chapter XVIII

1. What characteristics of her mother and father does Cathy possess?
2. What are the effects of Edgar's confining Cathy so completely to the Grange?
3. Why is Edgar drawn away from the Grange?
4. How do Cathy and Hareton interact before Nelly arrives? What relationship from their parents' generation does the pair seem to mimic?
5. What personality traits does Hareton reveal when addressed as a servant by Cathy? How does his class status parallel that of Heathcliff's?
6. In what way does Nelly focus on self-preservation during this chapter? Are her actions understandable or contemptible?

Chapter XIX

1. Characterize Linton Heathcliff. Which of his relatives does he resemble? How does Cathy respond to her cousin?
2. What reasons does Edgar offer to Joseph in an attempt to allow Linton to remain at Thrushcross Grange? How does Joseph regard those reasons?

Chapter XX

1. How does Nelly explain away Linton's lack of knowledge about his father?
2. What is Heathcliff's behavior and attitude toward his son? What purpose will Linton serve for him? How does this purpose fit in with a primary theme of the novel?
3. Characterize Nelly's behavior in coercing Linton to travel to Wuthering Heights and remain there. How do you think Brontë intended the reader to feel about Nelly's actions?

Chapter XXI

1. What conditions does Linton live under at Wuthering Heights according to servants there?
2. What characteristics of Cathy's lead to her encounter with Heathcliff?
3. What is Heathcliff's purpose in having Cathy visit Wuthering Heights? Is it odd that he confides his goals in Nelly?
4. "If Linton died," I answered, "and his life is quite uncertain, Catherine would be the heir."
"No, she would not," he said. "There is no clause in the will to secure it so: his property would go to me: but, to prevent disputes, I desire their union, and am resolved to bring it about." (Pg. 182)

What is the meaning of this exchange between Nelly and Heathcliff? How might Heathcliff know what is contained in Edgar's will? What literary device is employed?

Chapter XXII

1. How has the end of Cathy's romance affected the girl? What compounds its effect?
2. Why does Cathy cry during her walk? How do her concerns fit in with a theme of the novel? How does Nelly calm her?
3. In what way does Heathcliff provide further evidence of his manipulative and vengeful nature during Chapter XXII?
4. What does Cathy persuade Nelly to accompany her in doing? How does Nelly's treatment of Cathy compare with her treatment of the child's mother, Catherine? What accounts for the difference?

Chapter XXIII

1. Analyze how Linton is becoming involved in his father's plans for revenge against Edgar. How is he able to manipulate Cathy?
2. How do the disputes of Cathy and Linton's parents affect the pair? Is the way their argument ends surprising?
3. In what ways do Nelly and Catherine's opinions of Linton and his illness differ?
4. "And he'll soon do as I direct him, with some slight coaxing. He's a pretty little darling when he's good. I'd make such a pet of him, if he were mine." (Pg. 204)

How does Cathy's attitude towards Linton, as expressed in the above quote, compare with her mother's relationship with Edgar?

Chapter XXIV

1. When do descriptions of the English countryside, a common element of Romanticism literature, become prominent in Chapter XXIV?
2. What cruelty does Cathy engage in towards Hareton? What are her true feelings toward him? Which relationship of their parents' generation does theirs parallel in some ways?
3. What violence does Cathy witness at Wuthering Heights? What are the probable underlying reasons for the attack? Who does Linton believe is to blame?
4. To what does Linton attribute his mistreatment of Cathy? Why is Heathcliff happy about Cathy's attitude toward the mistreatment?
5. How does Nelly's behavior in this chapter compare and contrast with her behavior in similar situations earlier in the novel? Why do you suppose she reacts the way she does to these particular events?
6. Who serves as the primary narrator of Chapter XXIV? Explain how the narrative form of this chapter fits in with the overall narrative structure of the novel.

Chapter XXV

1. How does Chapter XXV establish the time frame of the narrative? What is surprising about the timing of the events Nelly is currently describing?
2. In what way does Nelly hope Lockwood will become involved in the other characters' lives? Why does Lockwood doubt the idea?
3. What are Edgar's feelings regarding death? What are his primary concerns regarding Cathy?
4. Why does Edgar see it as favorable for Cathy to marry Linton in financial terms? How would knowledge of Linton's illness alter his opinion? How is Heathcliff's plan for revenge threatened by his son's impending death?
5. What foreshadowing is present at the close of Chapter XXV?

